

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Military Order of Foreign Wars Week

WHEREAS, the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States was founded in 1894 in New York City to preserve the history and deeds of those who served in each of the foreign wars since national independence; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars was established in 1900 and now celebrates its 113th year of continuous service; and

WHEREAS, the Commandery is made up of members who have served in or during all wars and conflicts up to the present and promote military history and traditions; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Commandery has taken the initiative to host the Order's 51st Biennial Convention from May 2-4, 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINCOLN D. CHAFEE, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim April 28 - May 4, 2013 Military Order of Foreign Wars Week in Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this **23**²⁰ day of April, 2013

Lincoln D. Chafee

A. Ralph Mollis Secretary of State